ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING A

5   DEVICE DRIVER TO A PLURALITY OF CLIENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS

EACH EXECUTING DIFFERENT OPERATING SYSTEMS

A data processing system and method are disclosed
for automatically installing a device driver on a
10   plurality of client computer systems which are each
executing a different operating system. The data
processing system includes a server computer system
coupled to the client computer systems via a network.
Each of the client computer systems executes a different
15   operating system. Particular client computer systems are
specified. These client computer systems are the systems
which are to receive and install the device driver.
Different versions of the device driver are created and
stored within the server computer system. Each of the
20   different versions of the device driver is executable by
a different one of the operating systems. One of the
different versions is copied to one of the client
computer systems. This client computer system is
executing one of the operating systems. The version of
25   the device driver that is copied is the version which is
executable by this operating system being executed by the
client. The server computer system then causes the
client computer system to install this version of the
device driver on the client.